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Thursday, 10 November 2011, 1.15 p.m.
New York

President:	Mr. Moraes Cabral	(Portugal)
Members:	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mr. Barbalić
	Brazil	Mrs. Viotti
	China	Mr. Wang Min
	Colombia	Mr. Alzate
	France	Mrs. Le Fraper du Hellen
	Gabon	Mr. Messone
	Germany	Mr. Berger
	India	Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri
	Lebanon	Mr. Salam
	Nigeria	Mrs. Ogwu
	Russian Federation	Mr. Karev
	South Africa	Mr. Sangqu
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. McKell
	United States of America	Mrs. DiCarlo

Agenda

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2011/452, S/2011/453 and S/2011/454)

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The meeting was called to order at 1.15 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2011/452, S/2011/453 and S/2011/454)

The President: The Security Council will now proceed with the election of the one remaining member of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with Article 13 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

May I take it that the Council is now ready to proceed with the election of the one remaining member of the International Court of Justice?

It is so decided.

The Council will now proceed to a second ballot. I request the Conference Officer to distribute the ballot papers.

At the invitation of the President, Mrs. Onanga (Gabon) and Mr. Onowu (Nigeria) acted as tellers.

The President: Members of the Council should place an "X" in the box next to the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote.

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The President: I take it that all the members of the Council have now voted and I ask the Conference Officer to collect the ballot papers.

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The President: All the ballot papers have been collected. I should like to remind Council members that in accordance with the established practice, the ballots will not be counted until it has been verified that the ballot papers in the General Assembly have also been collected. The Council will remain in session pending the receipt of that information.

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The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	15
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	15
Number of abstentions:	0
Required majority:	8
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Tsvetana Kamenova	2
Mr. Abdul G. Koroma	10
Ms. Julia Sebutinde	3
Mr. El Hadji Mansour Tall	0

I wish to inform the Council that I have received from the President of the General Assembly the following letter:

> "I have the honour to inform you that, at the 54th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, held today for the purpose of electing five members of the International Court of Justice, the following candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly: Ms. Julia Sebutinde."

Accordingly, no candidate has received the required majority in the Council and in the General Assembly. As fewer than five candidates have received the required absolute majority of votes in both the Council and the General Assembly, the Council shall proceed to a third ballot for the remaining vacancy, in accordance with rule 61 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

I should also like to inform Council members that I have received a letter from the President of the General Assembly informing me that the candidates Ms. Tsvetana Kamenova and Mr. El Hadji Mansour Tall have decided to withdraw their nominations for election to the International Court of Justice. Accordingly, the ballots for the third round of voting will not include the names of Ms. Tsvetana Kamenova and Mr. El Hadji Mansour Tall.

I understand that the President of the General Assembly has proposed that the Assembly end its meeting and reconvene at 3 p.m. to hold the third ballot. I propose that, with the consent of the members of the Council, we proceed in the same manner and reconvene at 3 p.m. to hold a third ballot.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

The meeting rose at 1.25 p.m.